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SUBJECT: DEFECTION OF SOVIET MIG-25 PILOT

1. MIG-25 FOXBAT LANDED 1355 SEPTEMBER 6, AT HAKODATE AIRPORT IN HOKKAIDO. FONOFF HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PILOT HAS MADE WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUESTING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN US.

2. PILOT IS VIKTOR IVANOVITCH BELENKO, B. 15 FEB 1947 AN AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT STATIONED IN 23RD REGIONAL DISTRICT OF 11TH ARMY AT SAKAROVSKA BASE SITUATED BETWEEN NAHODKA AND Khabarovsk.

3. ACCORDING TO FONOFF FIRST EAST EUROPEAN DIVDIR TOGO, SOVIET CONGEN SAPPORO AND EMBASSY TOKYO HAVE ASKED FOR ACCESS TO BELENKO. FONOFF HAS YET TO GIVE SOVS ANSWER. FONOFF REQUESTS SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE DECISION ON PART OF USG.

4. LANDING OF MIG AND REQUEST FOR ASYLUM ARE TOP STORIES IN ALL JAPANESE MEDIA. US OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ISSUED STRICT "NO COMMENT" INSTRUCTIONS.
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